

### **Sample Bequest Language**

The following language may help you and your attorney when drawing up a bequest that meets your needs. The most common gift amounts are usually stated in one of the following ways:

- *A Specific Amount*

"I give, devise and bequeath to Saint Mary's Home of Erie, a not-for-profit organization organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the benefit of Saint Mary's Home of Erie for its general purposes (or a stated purpose)."

- *A Percentage Amount*

"I give, devise and bequeath to Saint Mary's Home of Erie, a not-for-profit organization organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate for the benefit of Saint Mary's Home of Erie for its general purposes (or a stated purpose)."

- *A Remainder Amount*

"After all specific bequests have been paid, I give, devise and bequeath to Saint Mary's Home of Erie, a not-for-profit organization organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the remainder of my estate for the benefit of Saint Mary's Home of Erie for its general purposes (or a stated purpose)."

### *Restricted Bequest*

If you wish to restrict your bequest to a particular program or purpose, we recommend that you review your intentions with the Director of Development so that she may provide the correct designate language and ensure that your wishes are carried out.